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1. The amendment filed on 28 May 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The notice of allowability had been counted on May 27, 2004, and said PTO-1449 was filed on May 28, 2004. JP 5-295100 is the closest prior art teaching the insatant acid value and distilling off of an organic solvent. However, it does not teach any molecular weight, and the instant table showing unexpected result of the instant molecular weight over the comparative example 2 using a molecular weight of 7,100 (E-8) overcomes any obviousness.


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